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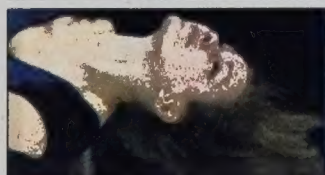


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Minden figure skaters dazzled at a recent carnival production.

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Ken Thompson's name is on the top of the bowling scores, week after week.

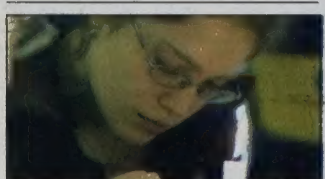
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Marvellous music

Haliburton Highlands' music festival has once again hit the right note.

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Eggs-actly

Painters were in an Easterly mood in Dorset recently.

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In Quotes

"Maybe perfect is too strong a word but Vickie Wright wears waders, can read a river, casts 60 feet and ties her own flies. I would have proposed, too."

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Clowning around

Cassidy Barbutt adjusts her clown nose during a performance by classmates in the clown class seminar for Grade 3 students at ASES. "We did it so they'd have an opportunity to combine art, music, dance, drama and writing," said teacher Ann MacDonald, "and to have some fun while we did it." Photo, Casey Lessard.

What happens to free Internet?

Future of free computer access at local libraries is in jeopardy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

With the imminent arrival of broadband technology setting the stage for new economic opportunities across Haliburton County, there are questions about what role the existing free Internet sites will play.

Broadband promises to open doors for jobs and businesses. It will allow large documents to travel quickly from Haliburton to anywhere in the world, and vice versa. But what about the people who cannot afford to buy a computer, let alone the service? Should they be left out of this new economy?

The Computer Access Program (CAP) has 15 computers located throughout the county, 11 of them in the county's seven library branches. Access to the computers, and to the Internet, is free, although if you visit a library CAP site you must buy a library membership, which is \$8. In exchange CAP provides a little bit of funding to pay for extra hours of operation.

The marriage between CAP and the libraries is an uneasy one for several reasons. One is that CAP gets its funding from the federal government and there are no indications whether the money for this year will be forthcoming under the new Conservative government. County council supports CAP in principle but has no money to spend on it directly.

Secondly, even with the funding that came with CAP, local libraries have limited hours. The

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Assessments can be appealed until July 31

Algonquin Highlands' budget threatened by new property assessment decision

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The following are brief reports of Thursday's Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

Council is worried that the recent Ombudsman's report on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation will play havoc with its budget.

In slamming MPAC's operations, Ombudsman André Marin gives property owners until July 31 to appeal their assessments. Usually the appeal period ends on March 31.

Councils base their tax rate on the overall levy, which is based on assessments. If assessments decrease, the amount of money available for taxation decreases.

"It's going to cause a nightmare," said CAO Lorne Mitchell, to which Reeve Eleanor Harrison agreed.

"They don't stop to think what this does to municipalities," she said. "We're basing our budget on our assessment so this will really be a tricky year. We have nothing else to base our budget on except our assessment."

"It could and should have been handled differently."

Dorset Tower trail

Absolutely not.

That was council's response to a couple's demand that they be paid an annual fee for allowing a new Dorset Tower trail to cross their property.

The couple wants 50 cents for every car that visits the popular tourist destination and \$1 for every bus. This would be paid in two annual installments.

"The answer is no," Reeve Harrison quickly responded. "This is ludicrous." She noted that the couple will need her signature to allow their new driveway to cross the Bobcaygeon Road. "They need us worse than we need them."

Deputy-reve Tom Gardner noted, however, that the couple was supposed to provide a property survey prior to constructing the road. Trees have already been cut in a wide swath without council's prior consent.

Roads

Roads superintendent Brian Whetstone reported that the roads held up well over the winter. While there were the usual phone calls about plowing, potholes and water run off, most complaints were minor.

Roads will be swept of winter sand some time this month.

Meanwhile people are reminded that if

their 911 number sign was damaged by snowplows they are responsible for fixing them.

Water Trails

Starting this May, camping permits will be required by people using the Frost Centre Area's many campsites. Responsibility for managing what is known as the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails has fallen to Algonquin Highlands which has hired staff to take reservations and to monitor the sites.

The official opening of the new Water Trails office at the Frost Centre is June 3 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. There will be a Water Trails Day at the Frost Centre with various activities planned on August 12 from 9 to 4.

Emergency preparedness

Airport manager John Packer, who also doubles as the municipalities emergency preparedness co-ordinator, asked for and received permission to judge for himself which meetings and seminars to attend.

If he went to everything that is offered, he says, he'd be away three weeks of every month. Some of the workshops have little direct effect on Algonquin Highlands, such as Homeland Security workshops on how bombs are built.

Meanwhile, council also agreed to his request for a new furnace at the airport base. The existing furnace is more than 30 years old and can't be repaired.

Lake of Bays

With Dorset split down the middle between Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays, council has been negotiating an agreement with Lake of Bays' council to help pay for services that both municipalities offer.

Lake of Bays will pay for half the costs of community policing and be responsible for maintenance of the Paint Lake Cemetery in exchange for Algonquin Highlands taking care of the Raven Lake Landing.

Cost sharing for the Dorset Museum and tourist information booth is still being negotiated.

Budget

There will be a special budget meeting on April 27 at 9 a.m. Council hopes to finalize details of the budget and pass it. The meeting is open to the public.

Meanwhile, the municipality received top marks on a recent audit. Expenditures were less than anticipated while revenues were higher.

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Romantic dinner for, well, several hundred

Bright, colourful table settings and balloons adorned the Hyland Crest auditorium recently for the annual Valentine's Day dinner. A semi-formal gathering with music, drink and food, the dinner is for residence of Hyland Crest and their families. Photo, Bryn Weese.

First, find alternate Hindon Lake access, then council will sell off road allowances

Algonquin Highlands councillors grapple with issue of public access

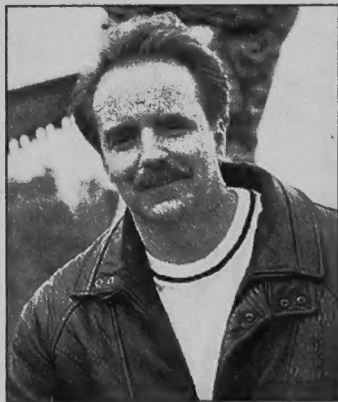
by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands council has agreed to sell part of two road allowances leading to water but not without first guaranteeing there will be an alternate public access.

The Sanderson brothers want to create 13 lots around Hindon Lake, a triangular lake just west of Kushog Lake. The lots rim two-thirds of the privately-owned lake, which is about 75 acres in size. It's believed the lots are for the family's use.

Before they go ahead with the expensive studies needed to make a formal application, the Sandersons wanted council's assurance that it would sell them portions of the two road allowances that cut across the proposed lots. As well, they wanted council's assurance that a new private road to provide access to half of the lots would not have to be built to municipal standards.

All lots exceed the minimum municipal requirements and



Tom Gardner have been approved in principle by the municipality's planner. The lake, which has several old cottages that will be torn down, is not deemed sensitive or at capacity. The new lots will, however, require a rezoning and official plan amendment.

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner stated his long-standing opposition to closing off public access to lakes. While there are no trails leading to or around Hindon Lake, you cannot know what public needs will be 100 years from now. Road allowances leading to

water are one way of guaranteeing public access to lakes.

Fellow councillors shared his concerns and at Thursday's council meeting, attended by one of the Sanderson brothers and local surveyor Paul Wilson, the Sandersons agreed to provide a 66-foot swath of land leading from the west shore of the lake to Brady Lake Road in exchange for being able to close the portions of two road allowances that cut through the lots on the north-western shore.

The road allowances from the east and south will remain open; the Sandersons will be granted a right-of-way across the eastern road allowance for their private road, which will be built off Kushog Lake Road.

This means that one day, if desired, a trail can come west from Kushog Lake and continue across the lake and to the Brady Lake Road.

As to the requirements for the private road, Councillor Diane Griffin says she is concerned about subdivisions

which are accessed by single-lane roads that do not allow passing. While not requiring the Sandersons to build to municipal standards, the municipality will set a minimum road width and maximum grade to allow for both residential traffic and access for emergency vehicles.

This might be the first subdivision to be created under the county's new official plan. The plan requires a pre-consultation process. In effect, the developers have to provide such things as a detailed survey, site plan agreement, and water capacity study before they can apply to create the lots. The Sandersons did not want to go through this expensive process only to find that Algonquin Highlands would not sell the portions of unopened road allowance. The plan is not feasible without that land.

Now that they have council's support in principle, the Sandersons will spend the next six to eight months compiling the required research.

Hawk Lake landfill site gets its sentence commuted

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

The Hawk Lake dump has been given a new lease on life.

Rather than having to close it this spring, Algonquin Highlands council thinks it can get at least three to five more years of use.

Thanks to the diligence of municipal staff, council is optimistic that the Ministry of Environment will allow it to keep the landfill site open for a few more years.

Everyone had been dismayed by the news that the landfill would have to be closed this month because, based on prediction models, it was at capacity. Ratepayers, particularly cottagers, didn't want to lose the convenience of having a site nearby. The landfill site is central for many people who live and cottage in the area. Council wants to keep its ratepayers happy; it also wants to avoid the cost of closing the landfill.

The need to close the dump was predicated on an old model of predicting a dump's lifespan. It took the existing capacity and subtracted the amount of waste going into the dump every year.

But the numbers didn't jibe with staff. What they saw at the site was not what the report was saying.

Under the direction of public works superintendent Brian Whetstone, staff worked with the municipality's consulting firm, SGS Laboratories in Lakefield, to come up with a new way of determining a landfill's lifespan.

In essence, Algonquin Highlands' model looks at the final profile of the landfill at capacity and works back. Until the landfill reaches that final profile, it can remain open.

"I'm really excited," said CAO Lorne Mitchell at Thursday's council meeting. "Our calculations are showing that we're definitely looking at a three-to-five-year window and we'll be going beyond that."

"The future looks very pleasant," Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "This gives us breathing space and a I think the Ministry of Environment [which has yet to approve the new findings] will look favourably at it."

Deputy-reeve Tom Gardner said that with increased recycling efforts, the amount of waste going into the dump can be reduced, thus lengthening its lifespan even further.

"The staff need to be thanked," Harrison added. "Brian's done a lot of work on this. This has been a big job for our staff to take on."

Meanwhile, Whetstone said, changes have been made at the site to make it easier to monitor and control the amount of garbage going into the site.

Internet program hasn't disappeared — yet

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smallest branch is open only eight hours a week; the Minden and Haliburton branches are open 40 hours. Each of the seven libraries is open only one evening a week and Saturday hours are minimal. This means that in the winter the CAP sites are used primarily by people who aren't working, such as seniors and the unemployed. Students who could be using the computer for research need access at night — and late into the night at that. Working people also have difficulty matching their free time with the libraries' open hours.

Libraries can be a bit jealous of the space the computers take up. CAP doesn't require much room but with libraries already fighting to fit into the space they have, the rooms for computers would come in handy for direct library uses. As well, in the summer when cottagers and tourists are often lined up for the Internet service, tempers can get frayed if someone at the computer takes longer than those in the line-up condone and the librarians cannot be expected to police the service. Until this year CAP has received funding to hire people to oversee the sites but, again, that funding is uncertain.

"The program hasn't disappeared but there is less inclination at the federal level [to fund it]," says Eric Lilius, who spearheaded the program and oversees it today. He wants to explore other host sites for the service.

"It needs to change from how it operates now to be more community oriented and operated. We're at the point where decisions have to be made," he said at a meeting exploring options last Friday at the Minden Cultural Centre. "The spinoff is you have better local access."

This will become even more important when broadband comes to Haliburton County some time within the coming year. Broadband will increase the amount

of information that can flow quickly from computer to computer, especially in more populated areas. "When you introduce these high-speed services," Lilius says, "people will begin to discover what to do with it."



Eric Lilius

Like Lilius, the man who is overseeing the arrival of broadband technology believes in the right of every Highlands citizen to have access to the technology and the information it can provide. David Taylor says it would be unfortunate to lose the CAP sites and attended the meeting to add his support to the program.

However, he is not wedded to having the CAP sites at public libraries because of the problems with availability. He envisions something more like a virtual library, or at least something like a Chapters book store, where people can come to read and use the Internet for much of the day and evening.

"Call it a resource centre," he says. "There's a fairly logical move to actually improve the choice."

As well, he says that you have to limit the amount of free service you offer because of how long people will want to spend on the computer. When people realize how quickly information can be sought and received or transmitted, they will find more reasons for staying on the computer.

"It helps to control the amount of time someone sits there," he says.

Broadband technology will come in different forms in the county based on the cost of infrastructure. Fibre optics, which allow massive volumes of information to travel from computer to computer, will stretch up Highway 35 from Haliburton to Muskoka. Consider that the biggest and

fastest pipeline. From there the pipelines will branch off and some will get smaller. Wireless services will be available in 92 per cent of the county; the other eight per cent will be served by satellite. (Taylor says that now that broadband is being introduced, Bell and Rogers have expressed interest in improving cell phone service in the east of the county as well.) There will be initial costs to sign up with the service plus a monthly fee. However, there is the possibility of Minden and Haliburton becoming "hot spots", places where people can sit down on a park bench, turn on their laptop and get Internet service without having to be plugged in anywhere.

Taylor says the county has enthusiastically jumped on board the technology's bandwagon. "There's a lot of good backing today to get this in place."

Lilius says that when he travelled to Nova Scotia last summer, he was impressed by the way the province has embraced the new technology. Easily identifiable road signs pointed travellers to the places where free Internet access was offered. "It really took root in Nova Scotia because CAP rolled out just as the fisheries were closing down."

Lilius wants the community to get involved in deciding where the CAP sites in Haliburton should be. In Highland Grove the CAP site was moved from the library to the general store to improve access but then the general store closed down. Are there other stores or businesses throughout the county willing to provide the space or stay open a little longer to attract more users? Are there ways to create revenue from the program to pay for rent? What about schools or other public institutions?

"They should be in the libraries, at least the heavily used ones," says Eleanor Malcolmson, who sits on the county library

board. The library's mandate is to provide information and that information can come from books or computers. She's been in touch with other libraries that enthusiastically offer the service and have improved revenues because of it. For instance, a library in Muskoka charges \$10 a year for local residents, \$25 for a three-month period and \$2 for every half-hour use.

It was agreed that to make a case for CAP, more information was needed about who is using the service and for what. Lilius is going to work with Taylor to come up with a more extensive questionnaire to hand out to users; and there's a possibility that U-Links might get involved. (U-Links lets students at Trent University know what research projects are required in Haliburton County; it's then up to the student to choose a project that interests them.) U-Links was interested in working with CAP to establish ways of collecting information about the program's use in the Highlands.

Randy Stoecker, the guest speaker at U-Links' Saturday celebration of this past year's research, weighed in with his experience in helping other communities set up free computer access. In Toledo, Ohio, a city of 310,000 people, the group he works with now has almost three dozen sites set up. He came up with a list of questions that could be asked by a research student.

He identified two aims of the local CAP: bridging the digital divide between people who can't afford a computer and Internet access with those who can, and meeting the high seasonal demand of cottagers and tourists who want and need Internet access during their stay here. "How do you balance those two sets of demands?"

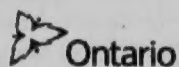
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Jack Brezina eyes the creations of local chef Alex McCracken at the annual Feast of Foods held at Delta Pinestone resort on Saturday. A full house enjoyed seafood appetizers and a host of gastronomic delights from the area's top chefs. The event is a yearly, much-anticipated fundraiser for Sir Sandford Fleming College. Photo, Lance Crossley.

Freebies debated

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Minden Hills' policy on who should get a break when it comes to renting the community centre is still a work in progress.

Last year council responded to community pressure by agreeing to put \$6,000 into the budget for rental fee waivers, as requested by various local organizations.

This year, council has not received many requests so it didn't know how much money to put into the budget. Council is assuming that groups which asked for a waiver for special events last year will want one again this year.

At the special budget meeting on April 4, council agreed to most requests and added an additional \$2,000 fund for groups that meet the waiver conditions. Once this money is used up, that's it for the year.

"It's limited to one event, one day, once a year," said Councillor Peter Oyer.

The waivers or subsidies were granted to the Minden Agricultural Society for two events, including the county fair, Timbersports, the fire department, the food bank's Christmas food drive, the Minden Museum, the Minden Legion for a dance to raise money for a new roof, the Minden Horticultural Society for its annual flower show and the OPP for a truck seminar. A request from Ducks Unlimited was turned down.

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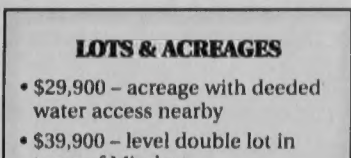
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Getting wired

It's hard for us in the Highlands to fully grasp the importance of the technological revolution that's about to hit Minden. When it comes to technology, a lack of infrastructure has not yet allowed us to become adventurous with our computers, let alone all the gadgets that are now available. Cell phones don't work half the time because of all the rocks and trees. High speed service is limited to built-up areas. Why get all wired up when the wiring is, to today's standards, so archaic?

This year, a line of fibre optics will run up Highway 35, opening the door to the arrival of broadband technology. Broadband is more than high speed Internet services. It's like a huge pipeline through which large amounts of data can flow. Not only will it make doing business anywhere around the world easier and faster for people who have to transmit large files, but it also allows large files to be sent here. Maybe, for instance, a site in Minden can be used as a place to store a large organization's data like an electronic warehouse.

Dave Taylor, the Percy Lake resident who is spearheading the efforts to bring broadband technology here via Haliburton Connect, says broadband will change the way people do business. Once people realize the speed and capacity of the new technology, they'll want to use it more, and for more purposes.

County council has embraced the new technology and has committed many hours and dollars to make sure it comes here. For once, Haliburton County will be ahead of many other areas in Ontario. Joining in the excitement is Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which can use the technology to enhance local services, the Trillium Lakelands Board of Education and Fleming College.

But will every resident of the county be able to take advantage of these new opportunities?

There are people here who cannot afford a computer, let alone the monthly fees for Internet services, whether dial-up or high speed. Believing that every Canadian citizen has a right to access the Internet, the former Liberal government created the Computer Access Program. It provided funding to buy computers and to pay for Internet access in rural communities across Canada. It also paid for limited staffing to manage CAP sites. It's not yet clear whether the new Conservative government shares this commitment.

When CAP funding was made available to Haliburton County, the group of volunteers responsible for applying for the funding turned to county council to act as the sponsoring agency. It was decided that libraries were the most accessible place as CAP sites. CAP funding was able to help the county keep the libraries open a few more hours a week but that's still not saying much. The Minden branch is open only 26 hours a week.

While libraries should be places where people can gain access to information, using libraries as CAP sites has put limitations on the program and therefore its success. CAP sites are basically unavailable to the majority of students who need to research projects or people who work during the day. If the sites were open more, there would definitely be more users. CAP is interested in finding new host locations; that's not saying the computers at the libraries would be removed but the computers can be re-distributed to make them even more accessible.

No one should be left behind by the changes about to hit Haliburton County. The CAP program is essential as a way of making sure as many people as possible benefit.

— Martha Perkins

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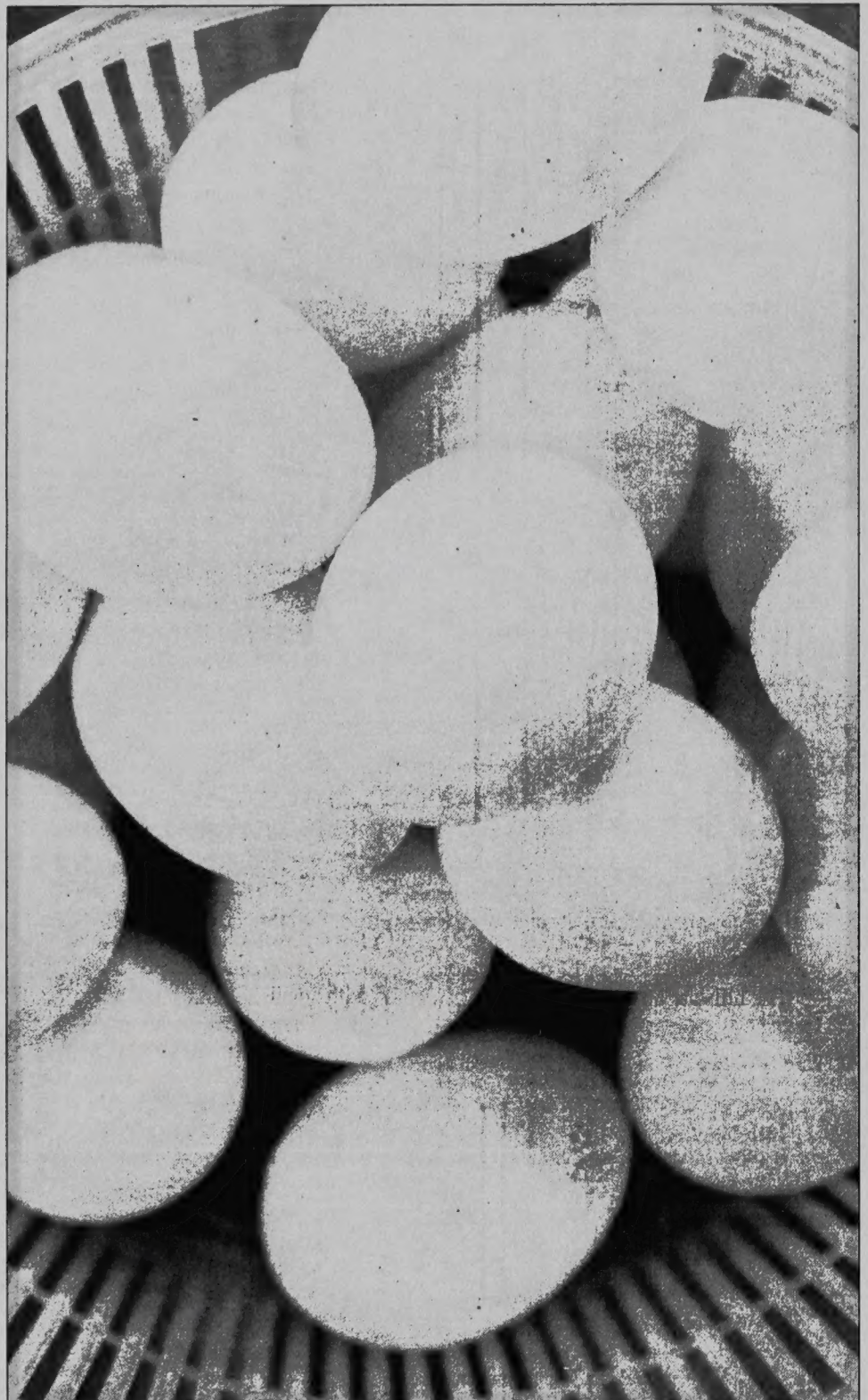
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Easter eggs.

Photo by Casey Lessard.

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Review of township funds might be a good idea

To the Editor:

Regarding the item "Lutterworth water woes continue" in the Thursday April 6, 2006 issue, I was dismayed to find out that there are no checks and balances, policies or bylaws that control the use of contingency or reserve funds held by the municipality.

It appears that on a whim, with a simple majority, council can remove monies from these funds and spend them in any way they choose.

These monies were collected from the users of the system and set aside to deal with unexpected financial requirements of

the water system. I did not read of any plan that council might have to recoup the allocated funds, or a plan to deal with any shortfall that may be encountered. As a user of the system, I would not wish to see non-users burdened with the expenses from which they would see no benefit.

Perhaps a complete review of the bylaws and policies pertaining to contingency funds and reserve funds should be undertaken immediately to ensure that said funds cannot be misappropriated or re-allocated by five individuals.

Stu Brandon
Minden

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Marrying Miss Wright

Despite one overblown incident when I bought my wife a torque wrench for Valentine's Day, I think I've got a romantic side, too. Perhaps this explains why I get all misty when I think of the story of Vickie Wright and William Nickel.

You see, Wright was just an ordinary woman until Nickel taught her how to fly fish. Then, needless to say, she transformed into something wonderful in much the same way Cinderella did after meeting her fairy Godmother.

Maybe perfect is too strong a word but Vickie Wright wears waders, can read a river, casts 60 feet, and ties her own flies. I would have proposed, too.

And that's just what young Mr. Nickel did. He, quite correctly, recognized that Miss Wright was a keeper and this prompted him to get down on one knee and ask the magic question. "Are they hitting caddis flies or emergers?"

Needless to say, few women can resist

such a sweet-talking man. So it's no surprise that, a few months later, they were married at their favourite boat launch. The two wore matching fishing vests and he caught ten fish just before the ceremony began.

Excuse me while I get a handkerchief.

If you ask me, Nickel is the luckiest man alive - I mean, ten fish in front of a minister and assembled witnesses?

Let's just hope the photographer knew what he was doing.

Of course, marriage is a solemn institution and now the young couple must take their commitment to a whole new level. I mean, if they don't trust each other enough to share secret fishing spots and fly patterns now, how will they ever make it to bass season? Like any newly-

weds, they will surely face pitfalls. One day, she might out-fish him on his favourite creek, for instance. He might, in a moment of furious passion, call out the name of his favourite fly. Hopefully, they'll work through it though.

Still, I envy Bill Nickel. The guy caught ten fish in front of credible witnesses! Because of this, he'll honestly be able to look back on his wedding day as the happiest day of his life. And he'll never forget an anniversary either.

I don't need to tell you that they probably had a great honeymoon, too. I imagine that he carried her

over the threshold, laid her on the bed and, ever so slowly, deflated her float tube. She then left to get into something more comfortable, returning with a lightweight set of hip waders and a folding

graphite wading staff. Then, I'm guessing, she smiled seductively and tied him a perfect blood knot, complete with wet fly dropper and a loop-to-loop connection at the end. After that, I'm certain that things got hot and heavy. Between you and me, I wouldn't be surprised if they tied six dozen flies that night.

Yes, Nickel is a lucky man. He now has a special someone who understands why you'd want to stop at a road kill to gather fur. And she'll be there to comfort him when he breaks a rod tip or loses a 20-inch trout.

I guess I'm saying that they will have a special relationship because of the angling bond. Take those ten fish he caught. By all accounts the trout were small — but at least William Nickel now has a partner who knows that size doesn't matter.

Yes, there's something to be said for that.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Howling at the moon

All around us on this splendid moonlit August night, the canine chorale rises in 12-part harmony.

The hills are alive with barking. There are terriers to the left of us, hounds to the right of us and, off in the distance, one bowser yaps a reply to another three dogs further out.

In the trail beside the Sapsucker Ridge sugar shack, The Brown Dog Jiggs stands braced for action, ready to answer any slur that comes his way.

So's your old man, barks some retriever from far away and Jiggs, now bristling with indignation, builds from a low growl into bursts of hysterical yips.

Dogs are just incomplete versions of wolves, I think, barking because they are too unsophisticated to howl, uttering no threats, just saying "How ya doin'?"

What each of them actually is saying, I have read somewhere, is "Hey!" Or, more elaborately, "Hey, hey, hey, hey, hey, hey!" and then a pause for breath to hear some chained-up coon-hound bay "Hey!" right back.

But I prefer to think there is more to barking than that and so does Jiggs, who is just discovering the joy of the countryside's late-night cacophony.

Eleven months a year, the only time Jiggs goes out after dark is for a walk, on leash or off, and he is too busy with smells to notice anything else. Then comes sugaring season and there is no time for formal walks.

Most of each night he spends in the sugar shack, curled up nose to tail or stretched out on his side like a throw rug, pretending to sleep but really watching my every move.

Sometimes he amuses himself by lying just where I want to drop an armload of firewood or have to step over him carrying a steaming pot of almost-syrup, playing a kind of canine chicken.

When the evaporator doors come open for a fresh charge of fuel, he recoils from the same blast of heat that singes the hair on my bare arms and goes looking for some cooler corner.

And when the heat and the humidity and the roar of the contraption driven by that roaring fire get to be too much for

him, he stands by the door, nose pointed up at the latch, begging for release.

Other years he would simply go outside and curl up in a snow bank or a bed of rotting leaves or whatever was still left of winter at that point in the maple season.

Something would scurry by in the dark or splash nearby and Jiggs would arise from his torpor and, like some weary civil servant, sort things out with a few perfunctory woofs.

But suddenly, this spring, he begins to hear other woofs off in the distance and becomes alarmed. It is not as though there are no other sounds to distract him; as the maple season hits its stride, geese find open water on the ponds to the north and the east and the west of us and the air is filled with their gabble.

Wordsmiths and naturalists call a collection of geese a gaggle; it should be a Parliament. In spring, geese never shut up and, so far as can be told, they never listen; it is the sound of their harmonics that

must comfort them, not the content.

So for a few March nights this spring, Jiggs must have listened to the goose barks and barked right back at them and then he must have begun to notice other barks off in the distance.

In other rural places, farm dogs live indoors with their families; up here in the woods, hunting dogs live in outdoor runs and barking becomes part of the midnight soundscape.

You step outside under a sky filled with stars. There are mysterious rustlings in the leaves, perhaps an owl's hoot or the din of frog song, and underneath it all, the dogs.

No dog lives within a mile and a half of Sapsucker Ridge but we are wrapped in layers of barking all around us, rings of sound spreading outwards like ripples in a pond, somewhere a bark so distant you can only just hear it if you hold your breath.

And now, for a few nights of maple season, Sapsucker Ridge has its own ripple of sound. Jiggs leans into his work, shouting a dog shout into the distance.

Then he listens and, from somewhere off to the east, another dog hollers right back.



BACK OF BEYOND

Neil Campbell

Reader weighs in on Sunday hunting issue

The following letter was first sent to Reeve Jim McMahon, Municipality of Minden Hills.

Dear Mr. McMahon:

I have noted the discussions regarding Sunday hunting and feel obligated to weigh in on the matter as it is apparent that there is substantial "myth" and rhetoric surrounding this topic which is not based on objective facts. I am well aware that members of council have so many demands on their time (particularly with downloading) that it is not possible to keep up on every issue, and that Sunday hunting is certainly not at the top of the priority list.

An Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters letter on the issue reiterates the deer/auto problem, which is well known in Minden Hills.

OFAH also points out that statistically it's safer to go hunting than to play ping-pong; a person is also eight times more likely to be injured while bowling than when hunting.

It is also the case that there has not been a reported injury to a non-hunter (hiker, nature lover, etc.) in Ontario. This includes the area north of the French River and parts of Eastern Ontario, which have always had Sunday hunting. It is possible that non-hunters may be more likely to encounter bears than hunters in the wild.

I do not have statistics on the individual contribution of hunters to the economy of Minden Hills (local business might help in this area) but it is a fact that since the mid-1990s, hunters in Ontario have contributed over \$66 million in direct contributions to wildlife habitat conservation. Also, fees from anglers and hunters pay for two-thirds (\$65 million out of \$96 million) of the fish and wildlife budget in Ontario. I personally spend significant amounts each year at places like Minden Live Bait and Outdoors Plus in Haliburton for fishing and hunting "necessities".

Sunday hunting would add a maximum of 12 days throughout the year — and most of this would be in November when most seasonal residents are gone from the area.

In the summer, some waterskiers and Sea-Doo drivers disrupt the safety of our beach and the enjoyment of it, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays — especially in June, July and August (not to mention shoreline erosion). We tolerate these actions by a minority and respect their rights. All hunters are asking for is a similar tolerance and respect for their chosen leisure activity.

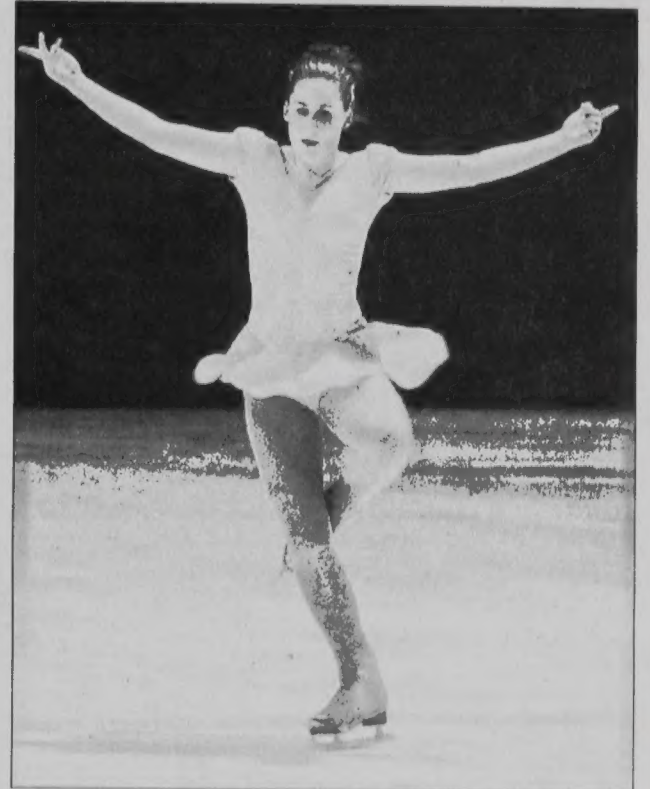
I hope to be allowed to make a brief presentation to council on this matter once the road to our property on Canning Lake again becomes sound enough to drive on after the spring thaw.

Roland Wagg,
Scarborough

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Figuring on fabulousness

The Minden Skating Club held its Kaleidoscope carnival March 31, as seen in last week's edition of *The Times*. Clockwise from top left: Stephanie Foster tries not to Lose Control of Sandy Beckford; Lori Beckford watches co-coach Janene Greer spin; Stephanie Foster performs her final solo dance, Iris; Sandy Beckford catches some air in Black Velvet; and Matthew and Andrew Wilbee look cool as the *Men In Black*. Photos by Casey Lessard.

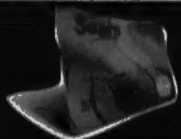
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Kylie Clark discusses her work 'The Definition of a Terrorist' at the HHSS portfolio class' Disastrously Creative art exhibition at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton. "I think shows like this are important, especially in a small town, because young people get a bad reputation. It's important to value the young generation, to know what we're doing. We do things and we're busy. We do a lot more than go to class every day." Photo, Casey Lessard.

It didn't snow too much in March (thank goodness)

by PHIL GRAHAM
Times staff

March was a full 31 days but went quite quickly. Perhaps because we were thinking of spring.

The average temperature was -2.2°C, slightly warmer than last March. Precipitation was heavier then last March. Last March was mostly snow, this March was mostly rain. We had only 4 cm

of snow this March. Most of the precipitation occurred March 9 to 16.

There were many sunny days but the maple syrup season was later. It started March 26 but caught up quickly. On March 31 there was still considerable snow on the ground.

Average High: -4.3C, 39.7F
Average Low: 8.8C, 16.1F

Average for the month: -2.2C, 28.0F
Average for last March: -3.1C, 26.4F
Highest Temperature March 31: 20.0C, 68.0F
Lowest Temperature March 1: -24.0C, -11.2F
Rain: 78.4 mm, 3.0 inches
Snow: 4.0 cm, 1.5 inches
Total Precipitation: 82.4 mm, 3.2 inches

Total Precip. for last March: 36.2 mm, 1.4 inches
Days mostly sunny: 19
Days with rain or snow: 7
Days with thunderstorms: 0
Snow on ground March 31: 16 cm, 6.2 inches
Snow on ground last Mar. 31: 6 cm, 2.3 inches
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Days with freezing rain: 1

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Have your say about recycling in Algonquin Highlands

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Put a limit on the number of bags of garbage people can take to the dump.

Increase efforts to encourage people to recycle.

Add composting to the services offered at the Maple Lake landfill.

Do you have an opinion about any of the options being discussed by Algonquin Highlands council as part of its effort to extend the life of its landfills? Questions?

Ratepayers can have their say at two

public meetings this summer. On July 20 in Dorset and July 27 in Stanhope, Algonquin Highlands is seeking public input into its long-term waste management study.

At present, 44 per cent of garbage going into the dump is being diverted to the recycling bins. The provincial goal is 65 per cent.

Council hopes that it can increase recycling by five per cent just by promoting it more, both at the sites and through education campaigns.

Limiting the number of bags of garbage that people can take to the land-

fill might help encourage people to recycle, too. Council is proposing that every household will be issued 104 tags a year; that's the equivalent of two bags a week. People stick the tags on their garbage bags and their bags are checked at the landfill.

"When you run out you have to buy more or we won't accept your garbage," public works superintendent Brian Whetstone said at Thursday's council meeting.

During the public consultation process, 85 per cent of respondents said they weren't opposed to a two-bag limit.

This is compared to 67 per cent who said they were against a user-pay system.

Another way to reduce the amount of garbage going into dumps is to encourage composting. People would be encouraged to compost at home and composting of leaves and yard waste would be allowed at the Maple Lake landfill. Increased composting is expected to improve diversion rates by a further 15 per cent.

In total, it's hoped these efforts will improve the municipality's diversion rate to almost 70 per cent.

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Ken Thompson is the Carnarvon lanes' high average bowler, a distinction he attributes to the fact he bowls more than everyone else. The 74 year old runs the leagues at the alley, and bowls four times a week. Photo by Casey Lessard.

Throwing down with bowler Ken Thompson

by CASEY LESSARD
Times Staff

Ken Thompson is a very good bowler. If you did it four times a week for twenty years, you would be, too.

"I bowl a lot," Thompson said when asked why he is so frequently the top bowler in the Carnarvon lanes' league scoring. "I bowl more than everyone else. They'd all be the same if they bowled as much as I do." Now 74 years old, Thompson rediscovered bowling after retiring to Little Boshkung in 1984. He hadn't bowled since 1950, when he was in a league for about four months. He and his wife always had a cottage, which has become their home in retirement.

"My wife was involved first — they ran a women's league, and they were getting short on bowlers, so they wanted to mix it up. She asked me if I wanted to bowl with her, and I didn't want to be the only

man. But Gord Jones decided he would bowl. Right now, I bet it's 50-50. We get a lot of couples."

Among the couples bowling in Carnarvon are Bev and Cathy Hunt of West Guilford.

"Nobody can beat Ken," Cathy said. "If you want to learn how to bowl, he'll show you. But he's also good inspiration."

"I have beaten him," Bev said, "but not very often. He has his bad days, too. I've beaten him in a game, but never in a high average. Nobody can come near him with the high average."

But Thompson is humble about his abilities, and doesn't want to draw attention to himself. He would like to see more bowlers join the leagues, which run Tuesday afternoons and evenings, and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

"When we get new bowlers," he said, "I tell them: Don't take it seriously. We have a handicapping system. It doesn't matter if they're a good bowler or a bad

bowler — the handicap makes up for it. That's the good thing about this sport. Anyone can bowl."

"It's a great thing for seniors to be doing. And it's something couples can do. Both the man and the wife can come out together."

Bowling is an especially good sport, he says, because it can be enjoyed by all ages and skill levels. It's ideal for seniors who want to stay active and have a social element to their exercise.

"I do it for the exercise," said Bev Hunt, "but I love bowling. I have two artificial hips, so I have to keep moving or I'll seize up."

"You've got to be doing something all the time," Thompson said when asked how he stays young. "When I retired, they said I'd be bored because I worked 60-70 hours a week. But there's always something to do."

He doesn't spend 60 hours at the lanes, but running the leagues requires about 24

hours a week. He'll spend 16 hours at the lanes, and the rest doing paperwork. He and others spend countless hours hosting the senior games bowling events each year at the Carnarvon lanes.

"We bowled in Ottawa at the Ontario Senior Games once," Thompson recalled. "Our team lost, but it was a lot of fun. They're all seniors and they're all there for a good time."

And that's the whole point, he argues. It's why he's still involved after all these years.

"I just enjoy it. I get a real kick out of it. And it's a real nice bunch of people."

The sentiment is mutual for Cathy Hunt. "We're hoping Ken's around for quite a few years," she said.

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Class clowns

Left, Shelley King, aka Sophia the clown, helps Michael Vineham and Robbie Stephens "cut" Willie Schwab in half. It's one of the tricks learned in clown class at Archie Stouffer ES, a seminar made to fit the Grade 3 curriculum, and sponsored by the Ontario Arts Council.

Below left, Kelsey Turner chats with a friend during clown class performances at Archie Stouffer.

Below, Breanna Stephenson, 3 1/2, of Minden watches her sister perform a skit learned in clown class at Archie Stouffer.

Bottom left, Hailey Turner watches performances by the clown class, a seminar program for Grade 3 students at ASES.

Photos, Casey Lessard.



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The counting begins any time in April and continues through August, once per week with flexibility to accommodate summer holidays.

Participants spend 20 minutes each week counting birds in the same spot around their home and report the highest number for each species seen at any one time. Their findings will aid scientists in the only continent-wide bird study that focuses on often-overlooked resi-

dential areas in spring and summer.

"Birds will often use habitats right around where people live," said Dr. Caren Cooper, a research associate at the Cornell Lab of

Ornithology who is leading the study. "But we don't know the extent to which yard habitat might add up to affect the numbers and diversity of birds. For example, certain decisions about landscaping a yard may boost bird numbers."

Residential areas can provide places for birds to stop and find food as they migrate thousands of miles to and from their breeding grounds. Birds such as American robins, northern mockingbirds, and house finches may nest in areas around homes. By participating in "My Yard Counts!", bird watchers can help sci-

entists identify the features that affect birds most, including landscaping, bird feeders, natural food sources, and predators such as cats and dogs.

You can help test the idea that habitat quality counts, yard by yard. For bird lovers, it's time to stand up and say "My Yard Counts!"

Participants will be contributing valuable information for bird conservation just by doing what they already love to do—watching the birds.

Participation is free.

For information, visit www.birds.cornell.edu/MyYardCounts.

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Stanhope artist celebrated at Rail's End Gallery in solo show next month



STANHOPE LIFE

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Exciting plans are under way for a county-wide "Haliburton Reads" gala in the fall. If you are currently a member of a book club in Haliburton County and would like to take part in this gala featuring dinner and special guest author, contact one of the following to register your club: Jessie Pflug at 489-3024 or info@stouffer-mill.com; Elly Malcomson at 489-1759 or jimelly@interhop.net. Only one person from each book club need call with the names of those members interested in attending. The event is being run by The Haliburton Bookers Club and The Haliburton County Friends of the Library Committee.

Local artist Karen Sloan, who lives on Big Hawk Lake Road, is having a solo art show at The Rails End Gallery in Haliburton next month. The show runs from May 12 — June 6, and the opening reception is Saturday, May 13 at 1 p.m. Karen says, "It will include my newest works but it will be an eclectic collection of florals, landscapes and interior roomscapes, with a little jazz thrown in for good measure. I'll be doing a walk-about; sort of a question-and-answer session where I will explain why I paint in my particular style, along with methods, and what I find inspiring. Some works are dramatic and some are softer views, something for everyone. Plans are also in the works to teach a class, (tying in art with botany and so on). The details have yet to be ironed out but I think it will be with children from the Wilberforce area." Drop in to see Karen and her work. She'd love to see you.

Several of Anje Hilker's friends helped her celebrate a very special birthday this past week at the Red Umbrella Inn. They had a fantastic buffet and everyone got to take home a favour of early maple syrup with Anje's baby picture on it. Gifts to

Anje included some wonderful handwork by her many talented friends. This month, although not a special anniversary year and no big party at the Jolly Brolly, is Robb Hilker's birthday and everyone sends best wishes.

Do you have the winter blahs? Need to get some exercise or meet new friends? Then the Stanhope Steppers Line Dancing Group may have just what you are looking for. Come out for an easy fun-filled morning of traditional line dancing every Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall on North Shore Drive. The spring session is starting now. It's great exercise for the body and mind as well as an opportunity to meet new friends. If you're interested in joining the Stanhope Steppers or trying a class, please call Chris Wilde at 489-4785.

Peter Brogden encourages people to make use of Highland trails. "Get out and enjoy some spring hiking before the black-fly season is under way. We have already had a group of about 10 volunteers re-routing a short section of the Crests of Kennisiss trail to avoid some of the wet sections. As we climbed the steep slopes above the log chute, we were pleased to see prints left by many snowshoers over the winter. As the Algonquin Highlands trails generally follow high ground and ridges, spring hiking with warm sunshine and clearer views can be very rewarding. Just be ready for the occasional wet holes. Staff at the Trails and Tours office in Carnarvon have all the maps and trail guides; just get your boots on and go."

To submit any item of interest to this regular weekly column, please e-mail bpjohnson@sympatico.ca or call (705) 489-3878. Share what you know about what's happening in Stanhope, what Stanhope residents are up to or how you enjoyed a particular event or gathering.

Are you on the Register of Electors?

The Chief Election Officer reminds Ontarians that the Permanent Register of Electors will be used to select people from across Ontario to take part in a Citizens' Assembly on electoral reform.

To be eligible to participate, you must be in the register.

To confirm that you're registered, or to update your information, contact Elections Ontario at 1-866-771-6315 or

www.electionsontario.on.ca.

To be eligible for the Permanent Register, individuals must be at least 18 years of age on April 10, 2006, a Canadian citizen and a resident of Ontario. Elections Ontario is the non-partisan agency responsible for administering provincial elections, by-elections and referenda.

Spaghetti dinner on April 22 will raise money for the Shawn Chapman Skateboard Park

The Shaun Chapman Memorial Skateboard Park Committee invites you to "Get On Board" by attending or donating to the spaghetti dinner and auction on Saturday, April 22. It starts at 5 p.m. at the Kinmount Community Centre and includes a silent auction, loonie auction and the opportunity to meet Councillor Ric McGee, candidate for mayor for City of Kawartha Lakes and strong supporter of the skateboard park project.

The group formed in February, 2004 and has been working since that time to find a location for a skateboard park and basketball court in Kinmount to be named after local youth Shaun Chapman who lost his life in a car accident at age 17.

After being unable to locate the park on any lands leased or owned by the City of Kawartha Lakes, spokesperson Lynne Kilby says, "Success may be just around the corner. We are currently looking at a new avenue which at present I am unable to say anything more about."

The group is continuing to work toward its goal with many fundraisers in the works. The spring bazaar held on Saturday, March 25 was a huge success and will now become an annual event.

"Our committee is really excited about our dinner and auction event," said Kilby. "We anticipate many valuable and unusual items will be donated so there will be something of interest for everyone. We are looking forward to a night of terrific fun."

All proceeds will be used to develop the skateboard park and basketball court. The committee is soliciting donations of items, certificates or services. Only 100 tickets will be sold on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like to contribute or attend please contact Lynne Kilby at 488-2919. Tickets may also be purchased at the K&T Café and Kinmount Tim-Br Mart. All tickets will be sold in advance. There will be no tickets available at the door.



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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano
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The president and directors of the Dorset Seniors Club wish to inform the public that a recently advertised business calling itself Dorset Seniors Services is not sponsored or endorsed by the Dorset Seniors Club.

The Quilters Etc. group meets regularly at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. All knitters, quilters, and needle workers are welcome to join in for coffee, work and, of course, a good chat. People with all levels of skills are invited to come and share the fun. The cost to participate is \$1 per person.

Knox United Church services in Dorset will be at 9 a.m. effective Sunday, April 2. All are welcome.

Holy Week and Easter Services at the Lake of Bays Anglican Churches are as follows: Holy Thursday 7 p.m. at St. Ambrose in Baysville, Good Friday 11:30

a.m. in Dorset, and Easter Sunday 11:30 a.m. in Dorset. All are welcome to share in this season of new life and renewal.

A new session of Tai Chi, Chi Kung and Meditation begins on April 10 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Classes are Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and run for 10 weeks to June 26 (no classes on April 17 and May 22). The cost for the session is \$144.45 (includes GST). For more information, or to register, please call 705-766-9968.

There will be a Dorset Community Policing Meeting on Tuesday, April 18 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Tickets are now available and going fast for the Evening of Words, Music, Art and Wine on Friday, April 21 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. This popular event features local artists, musicians and writers.



Ginger Kulas of Minden, who has been painting Ukrainian Easter eggs for 28 years, explains some of the rules of dying the eggs after the design has been put on them. "I just like everyone to know about the Easter eggs," she said. "I'm not Ukrainian, but my husband is, and I wanted our children to experience that culture. It's so intricate, the eggs. They come out so beautiful looking."

The art exhibit opens at 6:30 p.m. with music and readings beginning at 7 p.m.. Advance tickets only for \$6 per person are available from the Recreation Centre at drc@vianet.on.ca or 705-766-9968. Snacks are provided by Robinson's General Store. Beverages will be available featuring Maple Moon Winery and Muskoka Lakes Winery.

The Haliburton County Public Library just received a new shipment of books relating to nature. All of the new guides feature beautiful pictures and easily-read text. Titles include Mammals of Ontario, Trees of Ontario, Mushrooms of Ontario, Ontario Birds, Ontario Wildflowers, and Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ontario. If the long winter left you happy to see even weeds poking through the snow, perhaps Weeds of Canada would be your choice. These are all great additions to the

library's outstanding collection of nature books — books that make the natural world more enjoyable whether in a nearby forest or in your own backyard.

Tickets are now available for the annual Dorset Volunteer Fire Department's Pig Roast and Dance. The date is Saturday, May 27 at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the cost is \$30 per person. Please call Donna Keul for tickets at 705-766-9253.

Birthday wishes for the week of April 9 to 15 go to Evan Coombs (April 3), Sherri Keown, Katherine Johnson, Bev Robinson, Carol McMullen, "Blue Goose", Robbie Drebbitt, Catlin Perry and Noreen Tracey. Celebrate and have fun on your special day.

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



About 20 women took a Ukrainian Easter egg painting class at the Dorset recreation centre last Saturday April 1. The course was led by Ginger Kulas of Minden. Photos by Casey Lessard

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SENIOR LEAGUE

News from Hyland Crest

It has been very busy at Hyland Crest. We had our annual formal dinner and what a gala event it was. We always look forward to this evening of fine dining with our loved ones. The décor was beautiful and the entertainment enchanting. Our many thanks to all those who worked so hard to make this event happen and our compliments to the dietary department; the food was delicious.

We also had the pleasure of celebrating with Jeremy and Haley the birth of their baby. Joining us in this celebration were the Minden Red Hatters. Their little girl Jeralyn was born February 19 and we now have the pleasure every Thursday at Tea Party to visit with this precious little angel. Thank you Haley and Jeremy for sharing your special gift with us. She lights up all the residents' faces and hearts whenever she is about and fills the place with love. What a special little volunteer to be able to give so much.

Our monthly luncheon was Chinese food and what a feast it was along with oriental décor. We also enjoyed a Valentine's party with Olive and Weldon; unfortunately they will no longer be able to come back and we certainly will miss them. They have been volunteering for many, many years. Thankfully they still plan to pop in for a visit when they are out and about. Thank you for your kindness, dedication and the

many spiritual journeys you provided us. God bless you.

Our baking program has been entertaining, to say the least. There have been laughs, mishaps and goodies we can't pry out of the pan but, that aside, everything was still edible and delicious. Nerina Clark was kind enough to help us one day and we hear she may help us again. Thanks Nerina! We, along with the VON, enjoyed the Highland Concert Band. What a vast array of instruments. Their hard work and talent is something you must reward yourself with when you get a chance. We are already looking forward to their next visit.

A special hello to Kim Britton. We miss you and hope to see you again soon!

Now to get on with March. A few of us travelled to the Legion in Haliburton for the St. Patrick's lunch. It was a very nice treat and a lovely outing.

We want to send get-well wishes to Gord Kennedy, Weldon MacPhail and Bob Muirhead.

Sadly we send our condolences to the families of Mildred Hoyle, Harvey MacIntosh, Dorothea Lynch, Alex Stevenson, Wes Sisson, Blanche Wright and Edith Moore. We're praying for them and they are in our thoughts.

We really enjoy our regular volunteers

coming in to visit. Sheila Corp comes in with our Prayer Friends group on Tuesday and visits one-on-one every Friday as well as helping at Tea Parties on Thursdays. What a busy lady! Mickey Bonham comes every Wednesday afternoon and gathers a group for a sing-song which everyone enjoys very much. Barb Scully has been ever faithful helping us with crafts every Tuesday as well as Thursday Tea Parties. Pearl Cowen comes in every Wednesday afternoon to play euchre with us and every Saturday morning she and Maxine Snell run bingo. We have a new volunteer, Shirley, and are certainly glad to have her on board. Elaine and Gypsy are a breath of fresh air every Wednesday morning ... two beautiful blondes. Thank you to all these volunteers and to the many entertainment groups, tea party groups, and Salvation Army. And let's not forget the many family members who help out at various programs. Their help means a lot. We are so lucky to have you to fill our days and hearts with your love.

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and although we are thankful every day for these kind and dedicated people, this is a time set aside to show our appreciation for all your efforts. On Wednesday, April 26 at Hyland Crest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. we are having a Volunteer Appreciation Tea in the Fireplace Lounge. Stop in for a cup of coffee and a visit. We look forward to seeing you.

Volunteers give the most important donation — their time. They are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Volunteers put "unity" in community. Until next month, stay well, be safe and God bless.

Minden Women's Institute focuses on furthering members' education

by PAM ROLFE
Special to the Times

The Minden Women's Institute met in the Common Room on March 15, with 12 members present. Apologies were received from five absent members.

Enquiries were made regarding the health of Beulah.

The Roll Call was "What have you done to further your education?" with some very interesting responses. It seems our members love to read, do craft work and take courses. The secretary read the minutes of the February meeting, and the reports were read by the treasurer and card convener.

Jean made an unusual presentation regarding education. She asked questions about dates and events in the course of the last 100-plus years and also about the location of various sites in Canada that are historic. I think we all learned a lot.

Del presented her work in connection with the current events both local and national, she keeps us up-to-date on everything.

The president read a document about the signs of stroke and how you should react.

We played a word game in connection with St. Patrick's Day and were then treated to a delicious lunch served by Irma and Mabel.

The next meeting will be on April 19 and will be held at the home of Hanna Casper, Cox Farm Road at 1.30 p.m. Please contact either Mary 286-1158 or Pam 754-1656 for information, we would love to have you join us.



TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS Requires a Community Centre/Arena Operator

The Community Centre/Arena Operator is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Arena, Community Centre and Parks duties according to the Townships' by-laws, policies / procedures and applicable legislation. Duties include building maintenance, janitorial services, rental function set-up and dismantling, supervision of rentals, bartending services and ice making. Parks Maintenance includes the set up and dismantling of various functions and, as well, other duties as assigned.

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*Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
We thank all applicants who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.*



NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on April 27, 2006 at the hour of 3:00 p.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. 05-04

Applicant — **David and Wendy YEATES**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 26, Concession 6, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8258, registered March 21, 2006

2. File No. 06-01

Applicant — **Gary and Susan CHALCRAFT**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyer's Lake, lying in front of Lot 25, Concession 8, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8273, registered April 7, 2006.

3. File No. 04-24

Applicant — **Timo and Michelle VAHAMAKI**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Soyer's Lake, lying in front of Lot 27, Concession 9, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-8274, registered April 7, 2006.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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- **Apr. 12:** Amin Shivji will present a workshop at the Community Care Drop-In Centre on Prescription Drugs. "Seniors' Safe Medication Use - Get the most from your medication. 10 a.m. - 12 noon. There is no cost for this workshop. Call 457-2941.
- **Apr. 12:** The meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (back door). The speaker will be Ray Miller, local author of "Coal Oil Lights to Satellites". Doors open at 6 p.m. and Ray will speak at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome - no charge. For more info. call Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.
- **Apr. 12:** Garlic Workshop with Ted Maczka (Mash-ka), also known as the Fish Lake Garlic Guru, is rooted in Picton, Ont. Easy to grow and low maintenance. 7:00 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. Refreshments. Admission by donation. Sponsored by The Haliburton County Farmers Assoc.
- **Apr. 12:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton - Developmental Screenings. Book a time with a Public Health Nurse from HKPR District Health Unit for your child's growth and developmental screening. It's an easy and reassuring way to see if your child is on track! Book your spot with Stephanie or Wendy at the Ontario Early Years Centre at 457-2989.
- **Apr. 13:** Prayer for Canada - A non-denominational, non-partisan prayer group meeting monthly. Next meeting on Thursday, April 13, 7 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church. Future meetings will be held on the "Third Thursday" of each month. Locations to be announced. Join us to pray for our nation.
- **Apr. 13:** Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic. Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 a.m. to noon. For more info., call the Health Unit at 457-1391.
- **Apr. 15:** Minden Legion Branch 636 - All you can eat Pancake Breakfast, includes Juice, Sausages, Bacon. Sat., Apr. 15, 9 a.m. till noon. Pay at the door.
- **Apr. 15:** Maple Syrup Festival - Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce, 9 to 2. All you can eat Pancakes. Flea Market and Craft Sale. Children activities including a colouring contest draw at 1:30 p.m. Also featuring a GeoCache event.
- **Apr. 15:** Geocaching "Sugar Shack Shuffle" Event Cache. Free Entry. Wilberforce. Details at www.geocaching.com <<http://www.geocaching.com>>. Waypoint GCTT2N. For more info call Mary 448-2211.
- **Apr. 15 to May 9:** 'You Can't See Me' - Kirsten Johnson exhibiting at the Rails End Gallery. The work in this exhibit was developed in response to a friend who had lost her sight. It is a 'touchy-feely' show where the viewers can actually touch some of the artwork. Opening reception and artist talk will be April 15th from 1-3 p.m.
- **Apr. 18:** Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group monthly meeting, held the 3rd Tues. of every month at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Highland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. For info. call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- **Apr. 19:** Community Care is offering a workshop on information about HIV, myths and stigma that surround it, how it's transmitted, prevention methods and a synopsis of the global epidemic of HIV/AIDS. The facilitator for this workshop is Charles from PARN - Your Community Aids Resource Network.
- **Apr. 19:** Charles from PARN will be at the Community Car Drop-In Centre to talk about aids as a huge global issue and Universal Precautions. Community Care Volunteers and Volunteers from other agencies are encouraged to attend. This workshop goes from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. and there is no charge. Call 457-2941 to register or for more information.
- **Apr. 20:** Haliburton, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Food Handler Course, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301). Course teaches participants on proper ways to handle and prepare food safely. Call (705) 457-1391 for cost and info.
- **Apr. 20:** Ontario Early Years Haliburton - Well Baby Drop-in. Do you have a baby? Come to the Haliburton OEYC on April 20 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and meet with a Public Health Nurse from our local HKPR District Health Unit. Meet with the nurse to discuss your babies health through a check-up with an opportunity to ask questions. For more information contact OEYC at 457-1391.

- **Ladies:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Women's Golf League on Friday, May 5 at Wigamog Inn, 7 p.m. at the Icebreaker Tee Social Evening & Registration. All levels of players are welcome to join. For more info. call Mary Lou at 455-9266.
- **Community Care** is looking for Brokered Workers to take care of housekeeping chores for seniors and disabled adults. All brokered workers are screened through our volunteer screening process. For more info., or to become a registered brokered worker, call Roxanne at 457-2941.
- **Al-Anon Meetings** - Are you affected by someone else's drinking? If so, Al-anon may be for you. Haliburton Highlands Meeting, Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church (side door entrance), Haliburton; Minden Al-anon Meeting, Mondays, 8:00 p.m. at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home meeting room (north entrance), Minden.
- **Haliburton Legion, Br. 129** - Every Wednesday night is Bingo night. Early Bird starts at 7:00 p.m.
- **Community Care Haliburton County** - If you need assistance with household chores - both inside and outside the home - please ask about our brokered worker program for Home Help and Home Maintenance. All our workers have been screened and pre-approved by our office. They offer low-cost service to seniors and disabled adults throughout Haliburton County. Call 457-2941.
- **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 636**, Minden holds its General Business Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

Darkened service in Kinmount will reflect sadness of Holy Week



AROUND THE TOWN

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It must be spring when training camps close and the "boys of summer" arrive home at the Skydome. Last Tuesday evening fifty thousand fans, daughter Megan and grandson Austin included, were on deck to greet our Toronto Blue Jays. Now, Megan and Austin are dedicated fans and very familiar with the stadium but the crowd that evening was unusually large. Somehow the two became separated during a pit stop. Megan found herself becoming very anxious but not so nine-year-old Austin. He remained cool, taking the occasion to remind his mother that this was a perfect example of why he should have his own cell phone.

There will be a "Tenebrae Service" on Good Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. in Kinmount United Church with Rev. Desmond Howard presiding. "Tenebrae", Latin for "shadows", is a service in which increasing darkness is used to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week. A small flashlight is recommended for each person attending. Easter Sunday Service will be at the regular time of 9:45 a.m. with Rev. Paul Irwin. The Church is on the hill at the top of Cluxton Street and all are most welcome to attend. Listen for the calling of the bell.

Please note that the Kinmount Legion bingo is closed on Good Friday and will resume regular bingo on Friday, April 21st. The Legion will hold "Karaoke with Back Forty" on Saturday, April 15th at 9 p.m. and "Big Bucks Bid Euchre" on Wednesday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m.

Watch for our Kinmount & District Lions Club members on Saturday, April 22. They'll be out tagging for CNIB from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Main Street in front of the LCBO and Kinmount Foodtown. It is estimated that one in every ten Canadians will need one or more of the many services provided by CNIB at some point in life to assist in maintaining independence.

Now for the scoring news with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

April 4 euchre at Gelert Community Centre: For the ladies Emily Harvie was high and Isabelle Saunders low with Don Hicks tops for the gents and Ann Francis low. Gala Stamp won for lone hands and Pearl Cowen took the draw.

April 4 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Mixed Shuffleboard: First place went to Marj Hamilton and Flo Roussel at 372 then Colleen Davison and Belle Walker at 326. In third with 259 was the duo of Helen Skelding and Cliff Davison while our reporter Pearl Cowen, going solo, recorded the afternoon's low of 200 points.

April 4 bid euchre at Minden Legion: Pat Roussel led the scoring at 308 with Jean Scadden 271 second and Ida Young 262 third. Six moonshots went to Gala Stamp, Thelma Francis, Kevin Maloney, Marjorie Paradis, Albert Foster and Eileen Shepstone with Marcel Roussel, Ken Young, Pat Scadden and Thelma Francis taking the draws.

April 4 contract bridge at Stanhope: Our bridge reporter Ross Fletcher had two Slams over the afternoon one with Muriel McIntosh and the other with Mary McNeice. Ross had the highest score of 7200 followed by Len McNeice 5360, Muriel McIntosh 5350 and Helen Rice 5310. Liv Andersen won the lucky draw and Stan Hill the Shiny Penny while Ross Fletcher received the "L.L." Award as "Lady Luck" looked over his shoulder.

April 5 bid euchre at Stanhope: Moonshots landed on Kevin Maloney, Verna McDonald, Percy Butler, Gala Stamp, Helen

Henderson, Muriel Harrington and Lottie Ruttan. Leading the pinks was Rob Evans 303 then Helen Windsor 298 and Jean Scadden 275. For the whites top spot went to Len Kroes 339 with Chris Clarke 277 second while Pat Scadden and Dwayne Lloyd tied for a close third at 276.

April 5 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing the Howell method Margo Davidson and Muriel McIntosh were first at 62% with Norma Crewson and Stella McMillan tied at 52% with Ev Vanderland and Rita Lockhart for second place.

April 5 Kinmount Seniors euchre at Kinmount Legion: For the ladies Pauline Franzen had the high score and Emily Harvie the low with Marcy Morgan high for the gents and Roger Fournier low. Thelma Francis won for lone hands and Mildred St. Thomas took the draw.

April 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Chuck Wilson and Ross Fletcher teamed up for first place at 62% with Reet Murray and Bill Sandford next at 60% and Elva Robinson partnered with Margo Davidson third at 56%.

April 7 bid euchre at Club 35: Holding the hidden score was Garth Windsor with moonshots going to Stan Dutka, Chris Clarke and Cliff Davison. Helen Windsor topped the pinks at 317 followed by Jean Randell 267 and Mary Pearson 257. Tied for first for the whites at 266 were Percy Butler and Dick Coffey then Ray Sisson second at 256 and Chris Clarke 241 third. Please note there will not be bid euchre at Club 35 on Good Friday.

April 8 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Single moonshots went to Helen Henderson, June Branning, Albert Foster and Thelma Francis with Pearl Cowen taking two. Kay Naylor led the pinks at 274 with Pearl Cowen 271 second and Elli Langpohl 255 third. Kevin Maloney was first for the whites at 264 with Gala Stamp 250 second and Helen Henderson 234 third. Draw prizes were claimed by Emily Harvie, Albert Foster and Pauline Franzen.

April 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first place was Phyllis Windsor at 302 with Roger Fournier second high at 265. Moonshots went to Thelma Francis and Libby St. Amand while Sam Gaudet won the afternoon's draw prize.

April 10 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Mabel Deacon and Marion Stickwood with Priscilla Downs and Jesse Barlow recording the high scores. Gala Stamp had the afternoon's low, special prizes were awarded to Jesse Barlow and Betty Sharpe and the skunk paid Julie Keberer and Barbara Braithwaite a spring visit. Tim Sharpe reminds that there will not be cards next week on Easter Monday.

April 10 cribbage at Minden Legion: In first was Bob Cleverly with Helen Luffman second and Edith Burch third. Other prizes were won by Don Hicks, Tom Grix, Edith Burch and Helen Luffman. Please note there will not be cribbage on Easter Monday.

April 10 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Martha Harding won for high hands, Verna McDonald for lone hands, our reporter Elaine Yeo for low ["pitiful cards"] hands and Olive Daniels for the special draw prize.

April 10 euchre at Club 35: Holding the most lone hands was Marion Farr with high hand honours going to Verna Sawyer and Harry Randell. Low hands were a family affair for Ann and Robert McIvor while Garth Windsor won the bolognae again. Please remember that there will not be bid euchre at the club on Good Friday but euchre as usual on Easter Monday.

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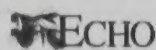
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Send your resume to:

David Zilstra, General Manager
Bancroft This Week, Haliburton Echo, Minden Times
146 Highland St. P.O. Box 360, Haliburton, ON
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General Employment

A800

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An individual who will administer all preliminary and ongoing planning of camp program - including finding and securing camp locations, advertising camp program, processing registration, designing the camp format and staff schedule, creating forms, flyers and letters of correspondence to parents, etc., supervising staff and overseeing the implementation of all camp activities. Vehicle required. Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

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Available to college/university students with background in ECE, Social Services, Psychology or Recreation. This individual will have experience working with children with special needs, understand and be able to assess child development in all skill areas, and be able to work as a team with parents and professionals involved in the care of a child. Vehicle required. Valid First Aid & CPR certificate required.

Please forward resume to Hiring Committee, Family Services of Haliburton County, P.O. Box 1306, Haliburton, and K0M 1S0 or fax (705) 457-3492 or e-mail fshc@familyserviceshaliburton.ca by April 10th, 2006. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Coming Events A940

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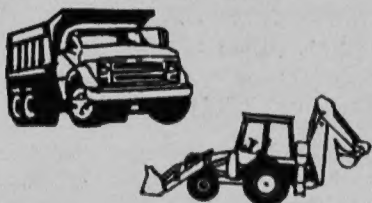
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Volunteers A960

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Announcements

Births

HUTCHISON - Kieran - Kirk and Nikki (nee Jackson) and big sister Kate are thrilled to announce the birth of Mark Kieran, 8 lbs. 3 oz., on Saturday, April 8, 2006 at 11:44 p.m. at Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. Kieran's proud grandparents are Ken and Marg Jackson, Mike and Sheila Hutchison and great-grandfather Bruce Hutchison.

Thank You Cards

I would like to thank everyone who helped me during my recent hip surgery. Dr. Fern and nurses from Lake Ridge Health Centre in Oshawa, my family, friends and neighbours for visits, phone calls, cards, food & drives to and from appointments. Home support, nurses and physio for all their help on my return home.
- Thank you all, Lloyd Madill.

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Deaths

CURRIE, Susan (Resident of West Guilford, Ontario) - Peacefully after a lengthy and courageous battle with cancer on Saturday April 8, 2006 in her 48th year. Sadly missed by her loving husband of 19 years, John Currie, and their two children Johnnie and Rebecca. Sue was a devoted and loving mother. Beloved daughter of Gloria Penhale and the late Jack Penhale. Sue was the youngest of six, the loving sister of Sandy Wheeler, Grant (Carole), Wendy, Delma Williamson (John) and Ross. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews and Crystal, Silver & Fender. Sue will be remembered by her special friends and all who knew her. She had her own special charm.

Visitation & Funeral Service:
Friends may call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 2006 from 2-4 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Sunday evening, April 9, 2006 at 7 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to Family Services of Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family.
www.communityfuneralhomes.com

FISCHER, Tom (Retired Mining Executive) - Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens home, Minden on April 5, 2006. In his 76th year. He faced his battle with cancer with courage and dignity and will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by Trudy, his loving wife of 52 years, by his daughters Michele and Katie, by his son Tony, and his son in law Peter. Cherished grandfather of Emmylou, Lukas, Travis, Alexandra and Shelby. It was Tom's wish that there was no visitation or service. Cremation has taken place. Flowers are gratefully declined. If desired, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Haliburton Health Services Foundation (H.H.H.S.F.) and can be arranged through the **Gordon A Monk Funeral Home Ltd.**, P.O. box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 (www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com)

In memoriam

DAVIS, Murry Laverne - In loving memory of a dear husband and father who left us April 14, 1996.

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The family chain is broken now,
but memories will live forever.
To us he has not gone away,
nor has he traveled far.
Just entered God's eternal home,
and left the gate ajar.*

- Lovingly remembered, Shirley and family.

McNIEL, Reita - April 19, 2003

*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure.
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

- Remembered always, Duncan Family.

NESBITT, Bruce - In loving memory of a great Grampa.

*It's been one year since you've been gone,
The Grampa that his love would stay forever
and on.*

*The love that you gave we will not forget,
The memories that we made, we still
remember yet.*

*The way you smiled the way you gave,
In all of our hearts you will always be brave.
87 years of memories that were so fun,
And for you your life still isn't done.*

*It was hard just to say good-bye,
And wherever we go
in our hearts you will lie.*

*Your love and memories will forever roam,
And when its time we'll meet you at home.*

- Always we will remember, Joe, Fran, Codie, Tyler, & Colton. Michelle, Marc, Mandie, Taylor & Tucker. Raymond, Marilyn & Danielle.

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*Please always know we love you
and no one can take your place;
Years may come and go
but your memory will never be erased.*

- Lovingly remembered never forgotten,
Ken and Barb

SHAW - Jack - In fond remembrance of my dear husband Jack Shaw who left me April 18, 2005.

*It's hard to describe the heartache I feel,
Sorrow, sadness, along with the tears.
Since the good Lord has called you Home,
And left me to walk life's road alone.
Wish again I could see your smiling face,
No one else could ever take your place.
How I long for the hugs or just a touch,
From the man I loved so very much.*

- Forever missed and always loved from your wife Janice.

SHAW - Jack - In loving memory of a great father who passed on April 18, 2005.

*It's been a year since you've been gone,
Seems like yesterday, other times so long.
What we wouldn't give to see your smile,
We know we won't see it for quite awhile.
We think of you often, every day, without your
guidance we sometimes lose our way.
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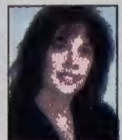


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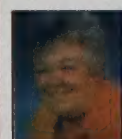


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Irondale River: Winterized chalet-style cottage on popular canoe route. Newly renovated, just bring the groceries & turn the key. Priv. lot with perennial gardens. 12' x 8' bunkie.

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Access to five lake chain: Enjoy the outstanding location and view of and access to Haliburton's famous five lake chain of lakes from this 2+2 bedroom home located just minutes from Haliburton village. Features include eat-in kitchen, walk-out to rear deck from dining room, finished basement, new high eff furnace, det garage.

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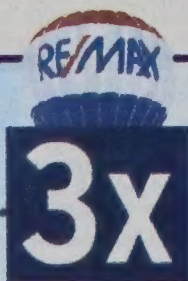
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